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1. SUMMARY. DEPOSIT FUND ACCOUNT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN DEPARTMENT FOR BRITISH FUNDS ON WHICH EMBASSY TAIPEI MAY DRAW TO MAKE PAYMENTS OR DEPOSITS IN CONNECTION WITH REPRESENTATION OF BRITISH INTERESTS ON TAIWAN. FUNDS IN ACCOUNT MAY BE USED TO PAY SALARIES OF MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL AT FORMER BRITISH CONSULATE, MINOR UPKEEP EXPENSES OF BRITISH OFFICIAL PROPERTIES, AND OTHER OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES. METHOD FOR PAYMENT OF MAJOR MAINTENANCE EXPENSES NOT YET WORKED OUT. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF OFFICIAL LETTER FROM JOHN BOYD,
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FIRST SECRETARY, BRITISH EMBASSY, TO JOSEPH MOYLE, EA/ ROC:
QUOTE: PAYMENTS IN TAIWAN. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT
ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS RECENTLY. I AM WRITING TO SAY
THAT WE SHOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD NOW ARRANGE
TO BEGIN PAYMENT OF WAGES TO OUR TWO CARETAKERS IN TAMSUI.
THEY ARE ONG CHI- LENG WHOSE SALARY IS NT DOLS 2865 PER
MONTH AND TAN THAI- SUN WHOSE SALARY IS NT DOLS 2015 PER
MONTH. THE TOTAL WAGE BILL IS THEREFORE DOLS NT 4880.
WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE PAYMENTS COULD BE MADE MONTHLY.

3. QUOTE: AS AGREED, REIMBURSEMENT OF THE US GOVERNMENT
WILL BE IN WASHINGTON BY US DOLLAR CHEQUE FROM THIS
EMBASSY MADE OUT IN FAVOUR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.
THE FIRST CHEQUE IS ENCLOSED. IT COVERS WAGES WHICH
SHOULD HAVE BEEN PAID ON 1 FEBRUARY. YOU SAID THAT A
TRUST ACCOUNT WOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO HANDLE FUTURE
CHEQUES. YOU TOLD ME THAT YOU WOULD LIKE OUR MONTHLY
CHEQUE TO INCLUDE AN ELEMENT TO MEET CHARGES OTHER THAN
WAGES. WE ARE INCLUDING AN ADDITIONAL SUM ACCORDINGLY
AND HAVE ROUNDED OFF THE TOTAL OF DOLS 150. I SHALL
WRITE SEPARATELY, IF I MAY, ABOUT THE HANDLING OF BILLS.

4. QUOTE: WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD PROVIDE US
WITH A PERIODIC STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT, PERHAPS AT THREE OR
SIX- MONTHLY INTERVALS, WHICHEVER IS PREFERRED. THIS WOULD
PERMIT US TO ADJUST THE BALANCE. UNQUOTE.

5. CHECK FOR DOLS 150, AS NOTED IN LETTER, HAS BEEN
RECEIVED AND DEPOSITED IN DEPOSIT FUND ACCOUNT IN
DEPARTMENT. EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON THIS SUM TO MAKE PAY-
MENTS AUTHORIZED IN CONNECTION WITH REPRESENTATION OF
BRITISH INTERESTS ON TAIWAN. PAYMENTS OF SALARIES SHOULD
RECEIVE FIRST PRIORITY. SHOULD FUNDS IN ACCOUNT PROVE
INSUFFICIENT, EMBASSY SHOULD FORWARD REQUEST, WITH
JUSTIFICATION, TO DEPARTMENT WHICH WILL IN TURN PASS
REQUEST TO BRITISH EMBASSY.

6. DEPOSIT FUND ACCOUNT NUMBER IS: 19 X6875 SUB- ACCOUNT
U-3. ANY BRITISH FUNDS WHICH MAY TURN UP IN TAIPEI MAY
BE DEPOSITED IN THIS ACCOUNT. EMBASSY SHOULD RENDER
ACCOUNTING OF DEPOSITS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THIS
ACCOUNT TO FS/ AD/ RR IN ACCORDANCE WITH 4 FAM 325.1.
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DEPARTMENT WILL FURNISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT ON DEPOSIT

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ACCOUNT TO BRITISH EMBASSY SEMIANNUALLY.

7. ADDRESSES OF MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES MENTIONED IN LETTER NOT KNOWN TO BRITISH EMBASSY. EMBASSY MAY MAKE WHATEVER ARRANGEMENTS SEEM MOST APPROPRIATE TO EFFECT PAYMENT OF SALARIES. AS LETTER STATES, FIRST PAYMENT IS FOR SALARY DUE FEBRUARY 1. ADDITIONAL CHECK COVERING MARCH 1 SALARY PAYMENT EXPECTED SHORTLY, AND APRIL 1 SALARY DEPOSIT SHOULD BE RECEIVED IN DEPT BY APPROXIMATELY THAT DATE. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTIFY EMBASSY WHEN THESE CHECKS RECEIVED.

8. EMBASSY AUTHORIZED TO MAKE PAYMENTS BY MAIL OF BILLS, SUCH AS LIGHT, ELECTRICITY, PHONE AND MINOR MAINTENANCE BILLS, FOR BRITISH OFFICIAL PROPERTIES ON TAIWAN. MECHANISM FOR PAYMENT OF MAJOR MAINTENANCE COSTS HAS NOT YET BEEN WORKED OUT; QUESTIONS REGARDING MAJOR REPAIRS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT.

9. EMBASSY NOT EXPECTED TO SUPERVISE LOCAL BRITISH MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES OR PERFORM OTHER GSO- TYPE ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH UPKEEP OF OFFICIAL BRITISH PROPERTIES.

10. BRITISH EMBASSY WILL PAY DOLS 150 INTO DEPOSIT FUND ACCOUNT BY LAST WORKING DAY OF FIRST WEEK OF EACH MONTH. SIZE OF DEPOSIT MAY BE ADJUSTED IN LIGHT OF ACTUAL NEEDS.

11. DEPOSIT FUND ACCOUNT SHOULD BE USED TO DEFRAY COSTS OF ADVERTISEMENTS ANNOUNCING EMBASSY HAS BEGUN REPRESENTING BRITISH INTERESTS ON TAIWAN (SEE SEPTEL). ROGERS

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